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Location: 200 North at 100 West Street, St. George,  
Washington County, Utah  
Latitude: 37° 6' 41" N Longitude: 113° 35' 2" W

Present Owner: Utah State Park & Recreation Commission

Present Occupant: Utah State Park & Recreation Commission

Present Use: House museum in Dixie State Park

Statement of  
Significance: This is the winter home of the great colonizer of  
Utah and second President of the L.D.S. (Mormon)  
Church during the emigration and settlement of the  
Utah territory.

PART I. HISTORIC INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

## 1. Original and subsequent owners:

Brigham Young  
Brigham Young Memorial Foundation  
Utah State Park & Recreation Commission

## 2. Date of erection: 1874

## 3. Architect, builder, suppliers, etc: Unknown

4. Original plan and construction: The two story north  
wing was built for Brigham Young as a major addition  
to an existing house on the south. Its foundation is  
lava rock with adobe brick walls and local ponderosa  
pine woodwork. The small one room building to the east  
served as Young's office.5. Alterations and additions: Restored 1963. Architect:  
George Cannon Young, F.A.I.A., Salt Lake City, grandson  
of Brigham Young. Mrs. O. Preston Robinson was respon-  
sible for interior restoration.

## B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Building:

Utah's Dixie, in the southwest part of the state, was  
colonized in 1861 under Brigham Young's supervision. During  
the latter years of his life, he visited the area frequently,

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and stayed there during the winter months to avoid the cold northern climate. In April, 1877 he visited St. George to dedicate the newly constructed temple. He returned to Salt Lake City where he died in August, 1877. The winter home was used by the mormon president during his stays in St. George between 1873 and 1877.

By the 1940's the structure was vacant and in considerable disrepair. The Utah State Park and Recreation Commission acquired the property in 1959 through cooperation of the Brigham Young Memorial Foundation and restored in 1963 as part of Dixie State Park.

C. Sources of Information:

A Guide to Utah's Dixie State Park pamphlet, Utah Travel Council, Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City.

Prepared by John L. Giusti, AIA  
September 15, 1968

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural interest: This is an adobe home of Utah's pioneer leader who praised the qualities of adobe.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent. Restored 1963. George Cannon Young, architect of restoration.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The front, two-story portion of the house forms a 'T' with an older one and a half story portion.
2. Foundations: Sandstone
3. Wall construction, finish, and color: Beige adobe brick.
4. Structural system, framing: Masonry with wood floor and roof framing.
5. Porches: Front porch wraps around west end of front wing, not continuous with porches on each side of back wing. Porch columns are 'H' shaped in plan. The center part is jigsaw openwork.
6. Chimneys: Four, one at each gable end and one where wings join. All red brick except kitchen adobe chimney.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Front entrance, four-panel door, six-light transom, five-light sidelights. Dining room exterior doors, two panels below four-light glazing.
- b. Windows: Double-hung, nine-over-six.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gables, wood shingles.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Bricketed cornice.
- c. Dormers: Small dormer at east of middle bedroom.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: Entrance into stairhall, parlor on right, dining room behind, kitchen behind that, pantry to left of kitchen.
- b. Second floor: Hall at top of stair, bedroom at right leads to bedrooms over dining room and kitchen.
- c. Basement: Two rooms under front rooms of first floor.

2. Stairways: Open straight stair at front with turned spindles, oak graining on pine fluted newel. Paneling below is wall of basement stair.

3. Flooring: Pine boards, varying widths. Sandstone floor of basement probably laid before walls.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Painted plaster.

5. Doorways and doors: Four-panel in broad moulded casings.

6. Notable hardware: Porcelain Knobs. Box locks.

7. Lighting, type of fixtures: Parlor chandelier from Lion House in Salt Lake City. Others from era, but not original.

8. Heating: Fireplaces in parlor and dining room. Marble grained wood mantel in dining room. Marbleized enamel on metal in parlor. Wood burning cast-iron range in kitchen.

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D. Site and Surroundings:

1. Orientation: Faces Second North Street on the north. Garden at west is on corner of First West Street. 13.
2. Outbuildings: Brigham Young Office at east (U-20).
3. Landscaping and walks, enclosures: The site is a town lot with a surrounding white picket fence and green gates. There is an immense mulberry tree at the southeast corner. The garden is planted with grapes, figs and cotton, all important in the colonization of Utah's "Dixie."

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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